



One of the Bicentennial projects that Mississippi College will be involved in during the next year will be the restoration of the historical bell tower located on the college campus. Discussing the plans are (from the left), Dr. Charles Martin, vice-president for academic affairs and the school's last official bellringer; Dr. Sarah Rouse, chairman of the Division of Humanities; Mrs. Ada Sumrall, coordinator of the school's Bicentennial activities; and Dr. Walter G. Howell, chairman of the Special Events Committee of the Anniversary Year. (M. C. Photo by Bob Rampy)

Baptists And Our American Heritage

By Dr. J. B. Fowler Jr., Pastor, First Church, McComb

The thrilling history of the United States is interlocked with Baptist history. Since the founding of Jamestown, in the spring of 1607, Baptists have had a tremendous part to play in the fashioning of these United States.



One distinguished author, Frank S. Mead, says that Roger Williams, the Baptist preacher who founded the first Baptist church in America, at Providence, Rhode Island, in 1638, "contributed to the making of the United States hardly less than any dozen Presidents."

George Bancroft, an American historian of the last century, has written about the Baptists that "freedom of conscious, unlimited freedom of mind, was from the first, a trophy of the Baptists."

Isaac Backus, a Baptist preacher, spoke before the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention on behalf of religious freedom. Backus was assisted by another Baptist preacher named John Leland from Massachusetts.

Leland had gone to Virginia to help fight that colony's religious monopoly. There he became the friend of Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. He enlisted their support in his fight against religious oppression. He was determined to get the views of Isaac Backus on the separation of church and state in the Constitution, so Leland became a candidate to represent Virginia in the Convention being called to ratify the Constitution. Leland was opposed for that position by James Madison.

Leland believed that he had the position won, but he knew that Madison's persuasive powers were greater and that his presence would be a triumph for the Baptists. (Continued on page 2)

"Righteousness Exalts A Nation"

By C. Welton Gaddy
Director of Christian Citizenship
Developments Christian Life
Commission, SBC

What makes a nation great? The Bible answers that question with the word "righteousness." Not the power of military forces, not the quantity of the gross national product, not the richness of a noble heritage, not the citizens' commitment to one form of gov-

ernment — none of these guarantee national excellence. The author of Proverbs 14:24 stated it concisely, "Righteousness exalts a nation."

Christians are responsible for serving both as the corporate voice and individual agents of righteousness. Whether the concern is garbage collection, a school board proposal, property taxes, a federal welfare program,

state highway funds, or whatever, Christians are to be involved in support of what is just and right. The political arena is merely another sector of life in which commitment to the Lordship of Christ is to be lived out. Democracy invites participation in government; Christianity demands it.

This year many churches will use Christian Citizenship Sunday, June 29, for the purpose of alerting Christians to the need for responsible citizenship and for challenging them to persistent action in the arena of government. In the past, some churches have invited local, state, and national leaders of government to attend and participate in the special services of this day. Sermons as well as study groups have been devoted to a consideration of biblical passages such as Luke 20:25, 1 Peter 2:9-16, Romans 13:1-7, and 1 Timothy 2:1-3 which speak directly to the Christian's relationship to government. Special weekend seminars have been planned to allow for discussion of pressing issues and to learn the most appropriate methods for moving from the question "What can we do about it?" to having a significant impact for good. God can use the emphasis of this one day to inspire life-long devotion to the practice of Christian citizenship.

Christians who love their nation and desire their lives to count for Christ as citizens of it will raise their voices and exert their influence in a political process which (Continued on page 3)



MC—First Bicentennial College

CLINTON — On July 3, 1975, Mississippi College will receive official recognition as the state's first designated Bicentennial college. The ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m. in Aven Auditorium on the campus. At this time a special banner will be presented to the school by the state Bicentennial Committee and a 15 minute presentation on the "Mississippi Rifles" will be given by Mr. William Wright, a Civil War historian of the Mississippi State story.

To qualify as an official Bicentennial college or university, a school must be participating in activities that represent each of the three Bicentennial themes: Heritage '76, Festival USA, and Horizons '76. Mississippi College,

whose 150th birthday comes on the eve of the nation's 200th year of existence has met this qualification and has programs planned in all three areas.

Heritage '76 deals with America's past, history, and heritage. In keeping with this aspect the Bicentennial, Mississippi College has planned several projects for the 1975-76 school year. At the present, a comprehensive history of the school is being written and a color movie portraying the school's heritage is being produced. During the next year, the college's historical museum is to be expanded with the establishment of regular visiting hours for interested persons. The monumental bell tower located on the campus is also to be restored dur-

ing the anniversary as a part of the school's observance of Heritage '76.

Festival USA as a Bicentennial theme has as its goal "the development of state, regional and national activities and events which stimulate travel and thus encourage our citizens to expand their knowledge of our country." Among the activities planned by Mississippi College are puppet shows with patriotic themes and a school sponsored essay contest dealing with the nation's Bicentennial.

The last of the three groups is Horizons '76. This theme's thrust deals with the future and attempts to challenge Americans to undertake at least one principal project which manifests pride and hope in

the community. Mississippi College plans as one of its goals in this area a tree planting project. The school intends to contact the governor's office of each state that is represented among the college's student body for the purpose of acquiring each state's official tree. The school then plans to plant trees in appropriate areas of the campus with markers designating the states represented.

Each of these projects and events are all part of Mississippi College's Triple Anniversary Year. In addition to the nation's Bicentennial, the school also celebrates its 150th year as an educational institution and 125 years of Baptist leadership during the 1975-76 session.

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Baptists To Stockholm

"Most Representative" Congress Opens July 8

"The most representative congress in the history of the Baptist World Alliance."

This is the analysis by Robert S. Denny, BWA general secretary, in reviewing the registration list for the 13th Baptist World Congress July 8-13 at Stockholm, Sweden.

Eighty-four nations were represented on the list as of June 1. This exceeds the list of 77 countries represented by 8,556 delegates at the 1970 congress at Tokyo, Japan.

The 1975 congress theme is "New People for a New World — Through Christ."

Baptists gathered in the historic Swedish capital once before in 1923 for the 3rd Baptist World Congress. Officials welcoming the delegates to Stockholm for the 13th congress will include Olof Palme, prime minister of Sweden; Evald Johannesson, city

council president; Olof Sundby, Archbishop of Uppsala; and David Lagergren, executive secretary of the Baptist Union of Sweden.

The congress program, with BWA President V. Carney Hargroves of the USA presiding, opens with a Roll Call of the Alliance's 99 member bodies on Tuesday evening, July 8. Delegates in national costume will provide a colorful survey of world culture as they respond to the Roll Call for their Baptist union.

The number of BWA member bodies may increase to 106 by the Roll Call, because of the BWA Executive Committee will consider seven applications on Monday. The applicants are: Baptist Community of the Zaire River, Kinshasa; Baptist Union of Central

Africa, Salisbury, Rhodesia; Baptist Convention of Rhodesia, Salisbury; Union of the Indonesian Baptist Churches, Surabaya; Guro Baptist Union, Mymensingh, Bangladesh; Bahamas Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Nassau; and the European Baptist Convention, Heidelberg, Germany.

Main congress sessions will meet at St. Erik's Massan center. Congress business will include consideration of proposals to revise the BWA constitution and structure, resolutions, and election of a president and 12 vice presidents for 1975-80.

The congress program, listing 135 participants, was planned by an international committee headed by Gerhard Claas, general secretary of the Baptist Union of West Germany. This group and the Stockholm host committee have worked with the BWA staff since 1971 in preparation for the congress. Lagergren is chairman of the host committee and Erik Ruden, former BWA European secretary, is executive member.

Congress speakers include Denny, Hargroves; Penrose St. Amant, president of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland; Ayako Hino, principal of the Soshin Girls' School near Tokyo, Japan; Nlandu Mukoko Mpanza, general secretary of the Baptist Community of Western Zaire; Thomas Kilgore, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles, USA; C. Ronald Goulding, BWA associate secretary in London; and Erling Oddestad, president of the Baptist Union of Sweden. Oddestad will speak at the closing session of the congress Sunday morning, July 13.

Evangelist Billy Graham will speak that afternoon at a rally (Continued on page 2)

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President Ford Proclaims Day Of Prayer, July 24

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Ford issued a proclamation here calling for a National Day of Prayer on Thursday, July 24, 200 years after the Second Continental Congress marked the first such observance.

Ford used the occasion to declare that "it is fitting to recall that it was a profound faith in God which inspired the founders of our nation. . . . As we prepare to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of our nation, it is my fervent hope that Americans will not forget that it was prayer that helped to forge our freedoms and foster our liberties."

The President also stated that the liberties sought by the founding fathers have never been more secure than today, but added that "material progress and human achievement often beckon mankind away from the spiritual virtues."

Ford asked that during the day of prayer Americans pray "for unity and the blessings of freedom throughout our land and for peace on earth."

Cummings Addresses Southern Baptist Religious Ed. Meet

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — Southern Baptist religious educators were challenged here at a two-day meeting to take another look at themselves, their level of professionalism, the future of their organization and the role of women in the denomination.

The series of addresses were broken by a business session when members of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association (SBREA) chose Robert O. Feather, minister of education at Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, as their president.

Offering the advice in the wide variety of areas were Jack D. Terry, President Charles A. Tidwell, and Cliff Elkins, all of Fort (Continued on page 2)

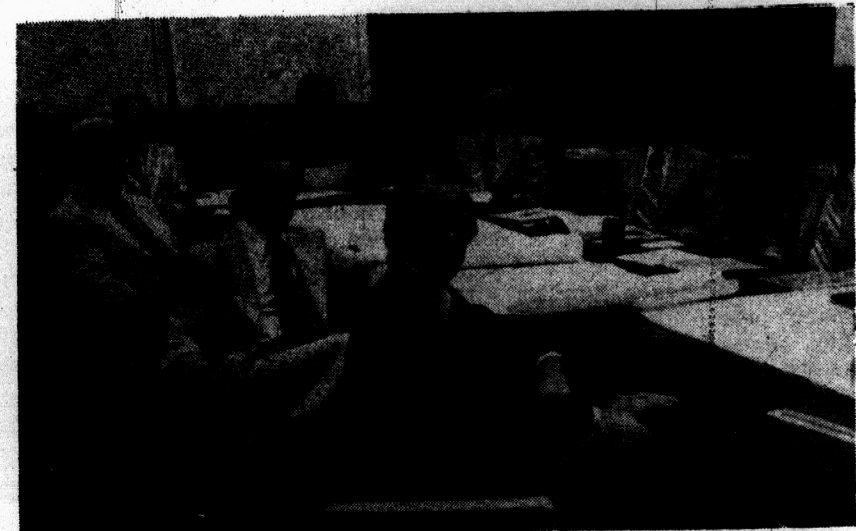
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Plans For Gulfshore

Architects and committee members for the rebuilding of Gulfshore assembly facilities met at the Baptist Building in Jackson last week to study plans and procedures. Representatives of the Houston, Texas, firm of Caudill-Rowlett-Scott, the chief architectural firm from the beginning of the rebuilding program, explained design concepts. Caudill-Rowlett-Scott announced a contract with a Mississippi firm, Slaughter, Smith, and Alfred of Pascagoula, for working drawings and construction supervision. Meeting last week were, clockwise from bottom, C. H. Alfred, C. R. Slaughter Jr., of the Pascagoula firm; Barry Bruce and Doyle Wayman of Caudill-Rowlett-Scott; Dr. Earl Kelly, Convention Board executive secretary-treasurer; Dr. Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg First Church pastor and committee chairman; Dr. Harold Kitchings, Kosciusko First Church pastor and Convention Board president; Rev. Frank Gunn, Biloxi First Church pastor; and James M. Hughes of the Houston firm. A target date for completion of the assembly facility of June 1, 1977, was announced.



Mississippians To Baptist World Congress

A group of 31 Mississippians will attend the Baptist World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden beginning July 8. Preceding the Congress the group will fly to Rome, Italy, and then take a luxury ship at Naples and cruise the Mediterranean, the Atlantic, the North Sea and the Baltic Sea and visit Spain, Portugal, France, England, Holland, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Russia, and Sweden. The ship will serve as a hotel and dining room and the group will go out sightseeing daily in buses. The tour was co-hosted by Rev. Fred Tarpley and his son, Joe Tarpley. First Row: (left to right) Mrs. Fred Tarpley, Mrs. Joe Tarpley,

Mrs. Sylvia Trollo, Mrs. Carl L. Westling, Miss Gene Walker, Miss Stella Walker, Mrs. Charlen Godard, Mrs. Norman Edmonds, Mrs. C. E. Hawkins, Mrs. Nancy Bright. Second Row: (left to right) Mrs. Gertrude Clark, Mrs. Tessie Logan, Mrs. Elizabeth Estes, Miss L. K. Spivey, Mrs. Henry Lee, Mrs. O. E. Canterbury, Mrs. Diane Dyess, Mrs. Lucille Clanton, Mrs. Colene Ray, Rev. James Mathews. Third Row: (left to right) J. G. Cleveland, Rev. Orvel Hooker, O. E. Canterbury, Joe Tarpley, C. E. Hawkins, Henry Lee, Norman Edmonds, Rev. Fred Tarpley, Dr. T. B. Brown. (Dr. and Mrs. C. Z. Holland — not pictured)

Mississippi Firm Is Largest Agency For Alliance Travel

A Jackson firm, Bryan Tours, Inc., is the major operator of Americans to the worldwide meeting of Baptists in Stockholm, Sweden, according to Clyde C. Bryan, president. The Baptist World Alliance will be in session July 8-13 and will attract Baptists from more than 50 countries. Several thousand Americans will go to the meeting, which is held every five years.

Mr. Bryan stated that his firm has been working with tour leaders from many southern states and several hundred Baptists will depart within the next week on Bryan Tours. "We planned a variety of itineraries," said Bryan, "with some including the Iberian area of Spain and Portugal and others originating in the British Islands. Most groups will take the famous three day fjord tour through the fjords and mountains of Norway during their visit to Scandinavia. Two of the Bryan Tours will visit Leningrad and Moscow. All Bryan Tours will travel on scheduled airlines."

Each group will go with an American tour leader. The largest group is from Richmond, Va. with more than 60 tour members. It is led by Dr. Ted Adams, former president of the world body.

The tour members are coming from most states of the USA and will join the Bryan groups in New York. Many Mississippians are enrolled to attend the Baptist meeting, traveling either with the groups or on individual itineraries worked out by the local firm. The Baptist World Congress is the largest convention ever to meet in Stockholm and hotel space is always difficult during peak season, according to Bryan. The local firm also was the major operator to the Baptist World Alliance when it met in Tokyo in 1970, with more than 800 persons on various Bryan Tours originating throughout the country.

Cummings - - -

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Worth; Russell Noel of Tulsa; and Ralph Atkinson Jr., of Louisville.

Other new officers of the association include William E. Young, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; president-elect; Bernie M. Spooner, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth; Atkinson; and Ellis Bush, Alabama Baptist Convention, Montgomery, all vice-presidents; Ms. Neta Stewart, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, secretary - treasurer; and Ms. Peggy Merritt, Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Greenville, Tex., assistant secretary-treasurer.

Other speakers during the morning session included Bryant Cummings, of Jackson, Sunday School secretary for Mississippi Baptists, who told the religious educators to be "impatient about the future about getting on with program and the work." He cautioned them to "temper impatience with anxiety." "We need to have a sense of change and to be aware of trends and innovations that will help us in our work," he said. "And we must never water down the basics of our beliefs."

Vocational Evangelists Commended

MIAMI BEACH, June 11 — Vocational evangelists were told here Wednesday afternoon they play a major role in the evangelistic outreach of the Southern Baptist Convention.

C. B. Hogue, Atlanta, director of evangelism at the SBC Home Mission Board, reminded the annual Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists of the program statement of the board.

The Home Mission Board is to "cultivate mutually helpful relationships with Southern Baptist vocational evangelists."

"We link arms with you and walk the streets of Baptist life together, declaring unequivocally we are in business together, doing what God has called us to do," Hogue told about 2,000 people attending the three-hour conference.

Manley Beasley of San Antonio was introduced as the new president of the conference, succeeding Sam Cathey of Tulsa.

Other new officers include Larry Walker, Dallas, vice-president; Lowell J. Leistner, Orlando, Fla., and Felix Snipes, Atlanta, codirectors of music, and J. Frank Davis, Garland, Tex., pastor-advisor.

cal Commission, \$159,292; Radio-Television Commission, \$1,934,260; Stewardship Commission, \$201,000; Baptist Joint Committee, \$171,241, and SBC Operating Budget, \$424,000.

Louisianan Re-elected SBC Committee Head

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — Charles E. Harvey, pastor of Sunset Acres Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., was elected by acclamation to his second term as chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is comprised of 65 pastors and laymen from 33 states.

Other officers elected to serve with Harvey include William Ches Smith III, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tifton, Ga., vice chairman, and Dennis Lyle of Haywood Hills Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., secretary.

Porter Routh was re-elected executive secretary - treasurer of the committee.

Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., new national president of the Woman's Missionary Union, was introduced as a new member of the committee by Mrs. R. L. (Marie) Mathis of Waco, Tex. Mrs. Gregory succeeds Mrs. Mathis in the WMU position.

In other action, the Executive Committee voted to move ahead on plans to invite representatives from the Southern Baptist states (who do not qualify for Committee membership because of population) to attend future sessions as observers.

Weber is chairman of a Disaster Assistance Coordinating Committee authorized by the Executive Committee last February and officially launched here. The Executive Committee renamed the committee, originally designated as Disaster Relief Committee.

Weber noted that the SBC already has channels for responding to disasters through the state conventions, Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and Baptist World Alliance. But he said the advisory committee could assist the agencies and Southern Baptist church members by getting rapid and accurate information through the state Baptist papers so Baptists will know the scope of the disaster and the channels for response.

"The Disaster Assistance Coordinating Committee will also assist in coordinating the interests of the churches and in responding through state conventions, regions or SBC agencies to disaster needs," Weber said.

Other committee members are James G. Harris of Fort Worth, president of the SBC's Foreign Mission Board; Russell H. Dilday of Atlanta, president of the SBC Home Mission Board; Paul Faircloth of Bladensburg, Md.,

chairman of the SBC Stewardship Commission; Charles Harvey of Shreveport, La., chairman of the Executive Committee; P. A. Stevens of Louisville, Ky., chairman of the SBC Brotherhood Committee; Roy D. Gresham, executive secretary of Maryland Baptists and president of the organization of state Baptist executive secretaries; and C. Eugene Whitlow, editor of the Baptist New Mexican and president of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

Missionaries On Furlough

Missionaries now on furlough in Mississippi are:

Lewis and Toni Myers, Jr., from Vietnam, — Box 365, Boyle (they are at present at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida helping with the Vietnamese refugees); Harry and Frances Raley, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson, 39204, from Taiwan; Don and Jo Redmon, 1625 Easy Street, Yazoo City, 39194, from Costa Rica; Betty Hart, Sandy Hook, 39478, from Chile; James and Paulette Kelum, 817 W. Second Street, Clarksdale, 38614, from Vietnam; Mary Frances Kirkpatrick, Box 94, Noxapater, 39346 from Nigeria.

250 At Music Meet

By Charles Warren

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — More than 250 participants listened, discussed, sang and worshipped for two days at the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference here.

The conference, which preceded the Southern Baptist Convention meeting, included concerts, a "service of praise," special interest discussion sessions, a business session and addresses by Roy T. Scobbins Jr., music therapist, and Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston.

Newly-elected officers who were recognized included Paul Smith, director of the Florida Baptist church music department, president; and James McKinney, dean of Southwestern Seminary's school of church music, president elect. Outgoing president Don C. Brown of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., was awarded a plaque in appreciation for his service.



Baptist Congress At Stockholm

The King of Sweden, Carl XVI Gustaf (right), expressed positive interest in plans for the 13th Baptist World Congress when Swedish Baptist leaders met with him at the Royal Palace in Stockholm. David Lagergren, general secretary of the Swedish Baptist Union, shakes hands with the King while Erik Ruden, executive member of the Congress Arrangements Committee, and Erling Oddestad, president of the Baptist Union, join in the conversation. Lagergren invited the King to attend the Congress' opening session in Stockholm July 8, 1976. The Prime Minister of Sweden, Olof Palme, and the Archbishop of Sweden, Olof Sundby, are expected to bring greetings to the Congress.

Young Adult-Preschool Conference Set Sept. 18

NASHVILLE — Outreach to young adults and preschoolers will be a major Sunday School concern for 1975-76, coinciding with the Southern Baptist Convention's emphasis on young families.

A Young Adult-Preschool Metro Advance conference will be held at First Church, Jackson, September 18, — 9:30 p.m.

Young Adult-Preschool Metro Advance is a series of 33 meetings in large metropolitan areas to improve Sunday School skills of young adult and preschool workers.

These two and one-half hour conferences are designed to make workers more effective during the year of special emphasis on young families. Several possible projects which may be implemented in local churches for more effective outreach to young adults and preschoolers will be highlighted at each session.

One project, the "Baby Hunt," will be sponsored by a church's Cradle Roll Department. A Baby Hunt is designed to help a church discover and reach families with young preschoolers, making the baby the key to reaching a home for Christ. A free brochure entitled "Plan A Baby Hunt" is available from state Sunday School departments detailing two separate plans for a Baby Hunt.

"SingleOut" is a project for

reaching single adults for Sunday School and church membership. In every church where it is feasible, plans call for organizing a new single adult class or department during the 1975-76 year.

Other emphases to be highlighted in Metro Advance conferences are "Love A Young Adult Away," which deals with keeping in contact with college students and other young adults when they move away from home; "Young Family Togethering," a plan encouraging young families to plan activities to do together; and several preschool outreach projects.

Young Adult-Preschool Metro Advance conferences will be for workers with single, married and college young adults; workers with babies, cneepers, toddlers and cradle roll; and workers with twos, threes, fours and fives. Information for church staff members and Sunday School general officers also will be included in the conferences.

Two or more conferences will be held in Oklahoma, Georgia, Washington, D. C., Texas, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, South Carolina and Florida. Missouri, Illinois, California, Arizona and Mississippi each will have one conference. The meetings are scheduled between Sept. 8, 1975, and March 23, 1976.

The young adult-preschool emphasis is sponsored by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Information for conducting the emphasis in local churches will be carried in young adult and preschool Sunday School leadership periodicals.

Baptists In Stockholm

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sponsored by the Baptist Union of Sweden. This session at Skansen park is expected to attract several thousand Swedes as well as congress delegates. On Friday evening, July 11, many delegates will visit homes of local Swedish people. Congress delegates will attend services in Stockholm Baptist churches Saturday afternoon, July 12. A youth program will be that evening.

Complementing the speeches will be panelists, multi-media presentations, and special sessions on relief work and the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ. Ed Seabough and Beryl Red of the USA wrote an original music drama for the World Mission session Wednesday evening, July 9.

William J. Reynolds of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board is coordinator of congress music and an 800 voice international choir.

Each full day of the congress will begin with Bible study in language groups of English, French, German, Portuguese, Scandinavian, Slavic, and Spanish. Afterwards will be a plenary session with a speaker, discussion panels, and business items. Afternoons will feature meetings of the BVA study commissions; departmental meetings for men, women, and youth; and discussions of daily topics in smaller language groups. Evening programs will be inspirational through a variety of formats.

SBC Budget - - -

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Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board.

Much of the budget increase is reflected in the "challenge portion" of the budget, which is \$8,920,000 for 1975-76, as compared with \$3 million last year.

The challenge phase of the budget is in addition to the operating budget and provides extra funds for agencies, institutions and commissions.

Under the budget — which will go into effect October 1 — the basic operational expenditures will be \$41 million; capital needs, \$1,080,000; and the challenge budget \$8,920,000.

It compares with last year's operational budget of \$36 million; capital needs of \$1 million and the challenge budget of \$3 million.

The new budget will coincide with the bicentennial year of the United States and the 50th anniversary year of the national Cooperative Program unified budget, the Baptist method of supporting its work.

Prior to its adoption, messengers were given a visual presentation of the institutions to which the funds will go.

Thomas Downing of Baltimore, Md., a member of the Executive Committee which made the presentation, said the organizations "represent missions, education and benevolent work done on behalf of your church."

The budget provides:

Foreign Mission Board, \$20,480,400; Home Mission Board, \$7,680,150; Annuity Board, \$250,000; Southwestern Seminary, \$2,978,627; Southern Seminary, \$1,884,198; New Orleans Seminary, \$1,469,187; Southeastern Seminary, \$1,265,651; Midwestern Seminary, \$780,494; Golden Gate Seminary, \$782,323;

Southern Baptist Foundation, \$108,091; American Seminary, \$113,780; Brotherhood Commission, \$409,608; Christian Life Commission, \$278,781; Education Commission, \$187,737; Histori-

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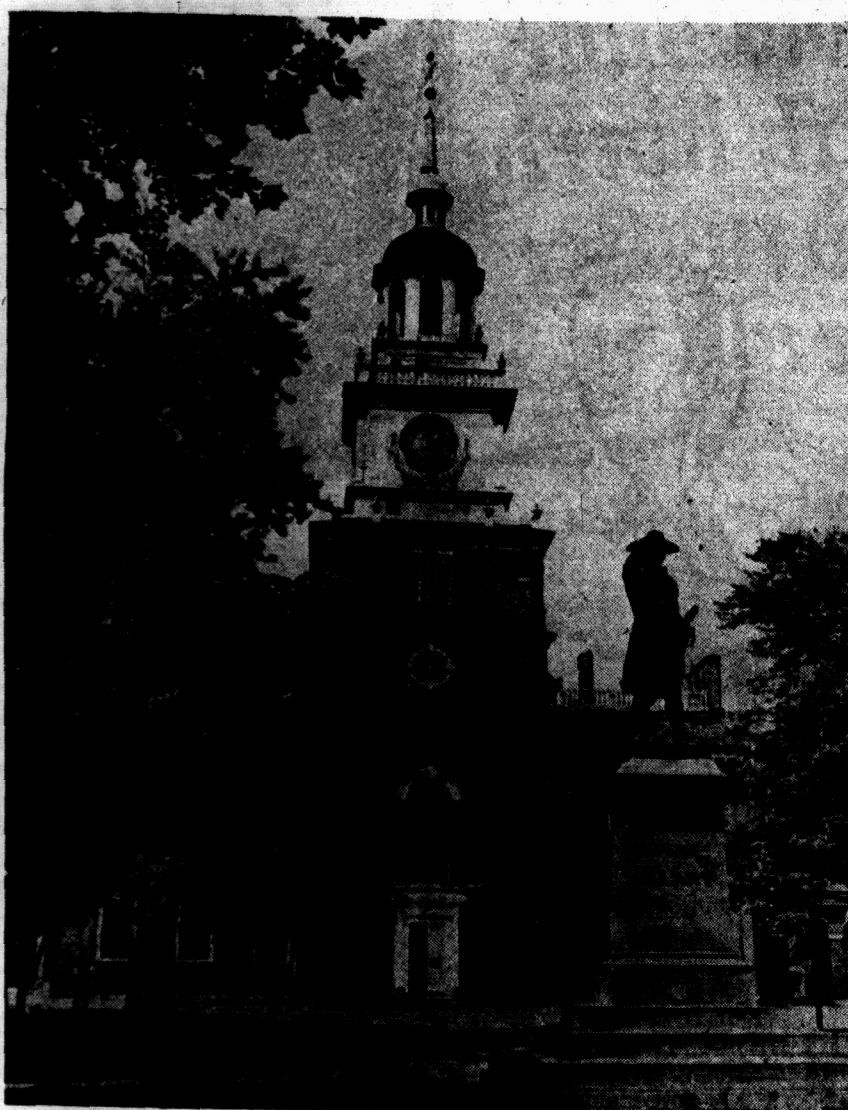
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Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The schedule for the remainder of the presentations is as follows: June 30, First Church, Jackson; July 1, First Church, Meridian; July 7, First Church, Greenville; July 8, First Church, Greenwood; July 14, Clarksdale Church, Clarksdale; July 15, First Church, Batesville;

July 17, First Church, Holly Springs; July 18, Calvary Church, Tupelo; July 23, First Church, Kosciusko; July 29, First Church, Starkville.

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At Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., 56 American patriots on July 4, 1776, signed the Declaration of Independence. With "a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence" they pledged their "lives," their "fortunes" and their "sacred honor" in its support. (RNS Photo)

America

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With Freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.
—Samuel Francis Smith

Free To Worship

Unlike the dashing Spanish Adventurers, these simple English folk sought homes in a New World. Their interest was not in treasure — the "bright jewels of the mine" — but in beginning a new life, a life in which they would be free, among other things, to worship as they chose. — Nelson's Patriotic Scrapbook

Give Me Liberty

Is life so dear, or peace so sweet,
as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid, it, almighty God! — I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!
—Patrick Henry

From Boston

We grant no dukedoms to the few,
We hold like rights and shall;
Equal on Sunday in the pew,
On Monday in the mall.
For what avail the plough or sail
Or land, or life, if freedom fail?
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

America, How Do I Love Thee?

Oh America, how I do love thee!
In your arms
the privilege is mine
to soar with Jonathan Livingston Seagull
or wallow in the stench and slime of the gutter;
yet you feed me
yet you clothe me.
Your banner waves victoriously.

In the red
I see the blood of all the wars;
brave men who fell to keep it aloft.
In the white
I see the purity of those who dreamed
those who planned
those who worked
to keep Tyranny from your shores.
In the blue
quietly but triumphantly truth recounds
truth that instilled your gold with
"In God we trust."

Oh America, how deep is my love?
Will the freedom I enjoy move the masses
or will your ideals be trampled in
lethargy and debauchery?
Oh America, how do I love thee?

—Neil Johnson

America Circa 1975-76

I believe in America!
Mighty things have been wrought
In our great country
Conceived in liberty and justice for all!

Since 1776, our republic is a democracy
With powers justly consented by the governed
Autonomous among the powers of earth;
Our power is in God!

Mine eyes have seen the wonder
Of this twentieth century;
With battles and triumphs,
Accomplishments and glories!

Man orbited moon's crusty sphere
Landing his "Eagle,"
Imprinting his footprints;
Supersonic planes soar the ocean in minutes.

Medicine conquered polio and dread disease;
Physicians perform heart transplants;
Communications produced television
And dial and touch telephones;
Satellites relay instant pictures around the world.

America, established on principles
Of freedom, equality, justice and humanity
Vast with bulwarks of accomplishments continues
Research daily to solve mankind's need
In life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;
I believe in America!

—Sarah Pough

Your Land And Mine

For beyond the limitless purple
That cradles the western stars,
A land so wide, so rolling free
Where hearts let down the bars
To pour out faith — a moving power
To drop in seeds that come to flower:
Your land and mine.

A world so full of moving earth
Where blanket flowers spill
A bronze-gold glory lavishly
On every long red hill:
The violet elegance of a sky
With white cloud-stallions racing by:
Your land and mine.

A throat full of remembered spring
Cannot be borne for long;
Young pain, hold beauty — ah, a thing
To hold one like a song!
The sublimity of level land
Beneath the stars, the wind and sand;
Your land and mine.

—Vera Holding,
Healthways,
June-July, 1973

Checks And Balances In Baptist Life

By James L. Sullivan

NOTE: This is the fifth in a six-part series written by Dr. James L. Sullivan, who has recently retired as president of the Sunday School Board. Dr. Sullivan is a native of Mississippi.

Democracy has a hard time enduring unless checks and balances are built into the process. Otherwise democracies tend to destroy themselves by overaction in specific areas and neglect in others. In our national government we not only have one executive — the president, but our system has two legislative branches. One system is the Senate which has territorial representation with two senators from each

state. The House of Representatives is elected on the basis of population. Thus it becomes "people" representation.

Then there is the judiciary, selected for a life term so that laws can be interpreted and enforced objectively and fairly. Government is in a healthy state when all three of these branches are functioning each in its own way simultaneously. Government is weakened when any branch of our democracy fails or relinquishes to the others. The welfare of the people is best preserved when all branches function adequately and in balance.

The same general principle applies to our Baptist life which functions democratically but which is actually a theodemocracy rather than a democracy. Local churches, of course, are autonomous and each cooperates in Southern Baptist life voluntarily

or not at all. Local churches can never be coerced. They are not the controlled but the controlling units in Southern Baptist life. The boards and agencies are the controlled segments of Baptist life, but through the trustee system.

Denominationally we have the Southern Baptist Convention, state conventions, and Baptist associations. But how do they interrelate? If the state conventions combined to make up the Southern Baptist Convention, and if the associations added together made up the state conventions, and if the local churches in totality made up the associations, we would then have a pyramidal system of church government like the Catholics. Baptist would not accept such a system.

It is not accidental that each of our Baptist bodies is separate and autonomous, and that all work to-

gether with equal rights to be themselves and to express themselves. Each of the denominational bodies is made up of messengers from the churches which means these churches control all three branches of the denominational life separately, and Baptist churches do not want to work against themselves. They select messengers who encourage cooperation between the Southern Baptist Convention, the state conventions, and the local associations. These messengers see to it that no one dominates the other bodies.

The Southern Baptist Convention is the largest body to assemble in one place, but the sum total of the associations and those attending their annual sessions really gives them the greatest power. The vast throngs of persons attending more than 1,200 associations are many more than the

tens of thousands who attend the Southern Baptist Convention's annual assembly. State conventions are in a strategic position cooperating with associations on one side and the Southern Baptist Convention on the other. In no case should one body be over or control any other Baptist body.

There is one area where our Baptist check-and-balance system seems to be breaking down. The results could be devastating eventually and that trend needs to be recognized and reversed. This situation occurs for instance, when Baptist associations feel they should nominate members of state mission or executive boards of a state convention. If done, its implications are bad and on a long range basis can be hazardous.

Would one church ask the privilege to nominate a pastor for another local congregation — a sep-

arate Baptist body? Certainly not. Each church nominates and calls its own pastor and should. Otherwise, they cannot be responsible for results.

Associations are separate bodies from state conventions. Never should they ask or accept the responsibility of nominating or electing the officers of any other Baptist body. Each Baptist body needs to do its own nominating and electing of its own officers whether state, associational, national, or local church. If this balance fails, our Baptist system is weakened.

Even checks and balances must be checked. Periodically they may need rebalancing. When they do, Baptists should set their own houses in order. When one Baptist body errs, it alone can correct it. One thing is certain in our Baptist system, no Baptist body can straighten out another one with coercion when it occurs.

First, Cleveland, Adopting Refugee Family From Vietnam

By PAM BULLARD
Staff Writer

In The Bolivar Commercial The First Baptist Church of Cleveland has adopted a refugee family from Vietnam.

Dr. Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of the church, said the family is expected to arrive in a few days.

According to Dr. Milton Bradley, who is heading the committee handling arrangements for the family, a three-bedroom duplex home has been obtained for the

family. The family, whose surname is Thao, were acquaintances of the Lewis Myers, Jr. family from Boyle who served as missionaries in DaNang.

The 34-year-old man and his wife have three children ages 7, 9, and 10. Mrs. Thao's mother will also be coming with them.

Mr. Thao was employed in the army for eight years and she worked for five years at the Chase Manhattan Bank branch in DaNang and most recently served in the American consulate.

It was through the consulate that the family was able to arrange transportation to Wake Island where they have been waiting transfer to the United States. Thao served as an English interpreter during part of his army duty. Dr. Bradley said, however, the children do not speak English very well and a tutoring program will be organized by the church for the summer.

Various committees from the church will assist the family in adapting to their new home. Mrs. Louise Lindsey and Mrs. J. C. Davis are heading the committee in charge of furniture, food and clothing for the family; George Wilkes is chairing efforts to secure the employment for the couple. Financial arrangements will be handled by George Woodward and the liaison between the family and the church will be Mrs. Lewis Myers, Jr. Brad Janoush will be in charge of the housing committee.

Dr. Bradley explained that in agreeing to sponsor the family, the church is responsible for bringing them to Cleveland and assisting them in acclimatizing to the community and in obtaining employment.



This Is Possible Because Of The Cooperative Program

The Cooperative Program is first of all people and a method of carrying out the command of Jesus to "Go ye . . . and teach all nations." Some must go while others must hold the ropes. Together we can "go" into more than eighty of these nations. Through the Cooperative Program you support my work in Brazil and at the same time I can have a part in the work in Mozambique through my tithes and most important through my prayers.

Because of the Cooperative Program I have a sense of security that many non-Southern Baptist missionaries do not have. I am confident that every month we will receive a salary check which provides the necessities of food, clothing and other expenses for my family. I know that each quarter school expenses for our children will be paid and I do not need to be preoccupied with these matters.

During our recent furlough, it was our privilege to speak about missions in many churches without experiencing the frustrations of trying to raise enough financial support for our next term of service. I am grateful to God for those who conceived the idea of a cooperative plan of supporting missions and for you who hold the ropes.

Mrs. Byron Harbin
Brazil

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2. COUNSELING CHILDREN. ABOUT CHRISTIAN CONVERSION AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

This is to be used as help for every worker with children as well as parents of older children. A church would do well to provide a copy for each elected worker with children and provide copies for parents to read. Copies are \$.18 each and now available from Materials Services Division, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, TN.

Righteousness . . .

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ch operates in response to the collective thought and efforts of the citizenry. The often-quoted statement from the French writer Alexis de Tocqueville underscores the importance of Christian citizenship as well as reaffirms the truth of Proverbs 14:34. In his 19th century assessment of America's greatness de Tocqueville wrote, "America is great because America is good." He also warned, "If America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

108 Refugees Baptized In Post Swimming Pool

FORT CHAFFEE, Ark. (BP)—More than 100 Vietnamese refugees were baptized in a swimming pool here on a recent Sunday night. The baptizing was done by Southern Baptist missionary Jim Gayle and Nguyen Anh Thai, a refugee Christian missionary Alliance pastor.

Gayle, who formerly served in South Vietnam and who now is attached to the Protestant chaplain's office at Ft. Chaffee, said between 300-400 refugees had made professions of faith in Jesus Christ and he and Thai baptized 108 of them on a single Sunday. Another baptismal service was

planned for a couple of weeks later, he said.

Rules of the post forbid any denominational affiliation for the new converts, Gayle said, but it is not hindering the refugees from requesting baptism. Each is given careful instruction in basic Christian doctrine before baptism, he emphasized.

Religious services are conducted every night and Sunday morning in the Protestant chapel. Prayer meetings were held each morning, and Gayle is teaching a Bible class each day from 9-10:30 a.m. He has enrolled about 300 in the class.

The missionary credited the professions of faith in Christ to the efforts of visitation teams organized among the Vietnamese Christians.

The teams visit any refugees who indicate they have a Protestant preference or who make an inquiry about Christianity Gayle said.

Practical Nurses To Graduate

A commencement program for graduating practical nurses of Hinds Junior College, in connection with Mississippi Baptist Hospital and the State Department of Vocational Education, will be held in the hospital amphitheatre June 27 at 10 a.m.

Miss Carol Brumfield, counselor at Hinds Junior College, will deliver the main address. Awards will be presented by Mrs. Johnnye Weber, R.N., Director of Nursing Service. Caps and pins will be presented by Mrs. Sandra Freeman, R.N., and Mrs. Maxine Kron, R.N.

Parkhill To Mark 19th Anniversary

Parkhill Church, Jackson, will observe its 19th Anniversary on Sunday, June 29. Sunday School will be held at 9:45 a.m. at the church, going to Rice Acres on Henderson Road immediately afterward for dinner. There will be a worship service and singing in the afternoon. Rev. Joe Stovall is pastor.

Lay Renewal

Weekend Schedule For The Future

Several churches across the state have scheduled Lay Renewal Weekends which will be coming up in the future:

First Baptist, Raleigh — Sept. 19-21, 1975; First Baptist, Coffeeville — March 19-21, 1976; Furr's Baptist, Pontotoc — July 11-13, 1975; Greenfield Baptist, Greenville — Dec. 5-7, 1975; The New Broadmoor Baptist, Gulfport — Sept. 19-21, 1975; Hanging Moss Baptist, Jackson — April 9-11, 1976; Hollandale Baptist, Hollandale — Aug. 22-24, 1975; Southside Baptist, Greenville — Sept. 12-14, 1975; Woodville Heights Baptist, Jackson — Nov. 7-9, 1975.

Eleven churches in the state have had Lay Renewal Weekends since the first of January. Each one has reported a successful Renewal experience.



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EDITORIAL

American Bicentennial Year Begins

All Americans have been urged to become involved in the American Bicentennial which begins on July 4, in order that the nation might properly commemorate the events which brought it into existence, and which have continued to preserve it.

Bicentennial plans have been somewhat slow in developing, but now are beginning to materialize, and numerous celebrations are being planned which will call all of us to recognition of the glorious events which brought our nation into being and have kept it strong through the years.

Southern Baptists, in their Miami Beach convention, launched the observance of the bicentennial, and we are confident that it will be observed in many churches, and in other Baptist meetings during the year.

Christians believe that God had a hand in the founding of this nation, and that it has been God's blessing which has kept it the nation that it is. America has not always done God's will, nor can it be said that it is doing that now, yet it is evident that God has blessed the nation, and is blessing and preserving it today.

However, there are now at work strong enemy forces which would take away those blessings and the freedoms which we have as Americans. We must not forget wise words spoken long ago that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Never has an aroused and alert citizenship been more sorely needed. We believe that Christians can be the finest citizen defenders of the nation in such an hour.

As we begin to observe this bicentennial year there are several things that we as Christian citizens can do.

This should be a year of remembrance. We need to look back through the nation's history and see the events which have made us, and the persons who have brought us to this hour. We cannot remember them all, but certainly we must not forget them all.

There are many places and events which should be most meaningful to us during this year. Plymouth Rock, and Jamestown, Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill and Valley Forge, and a multitude of other places where history was made in those early years should be in our hearts. Moving down through the years we cannot forget the Alamo, Gettysburg, San Juan Hill, the Marne, Pearl Harbor and many others. They all merely represent the many more, all of which marked important hours in the nation's life.

And there are names. How numerous they are. Who can forget Williams, Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Revere, Hale, Franklin, Henry, Jackson, Lincoln, Lee, to name just a few? The list is far too long for us to even consider naming all, and after all, each American would make his own list. Let us not forget them, however, for America is today what she is, because of them.

Truly it is a time for looking back. It is also a time for consideration and recognition. We need to recognize what America really is.

She is a land rich in God's blessings. Think of her beauties. Her rolling farm lands, her broad

plains, her lofty mountains, her mighty rivers. We cannot forget her green forests, her beautiful coasts, her spreading deserts, and her fertile valleys.

With the poet we can sing,
O Beautiful for spacious skies;
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties,
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good, with brotherhood,

From sea to shining sea.

We also must consider what America is and what she has given to her citizens and to the world. This is the land of freedom! Our first fathers came to this land to find freedom, and others have followed them from many places of oppression, to breathe the free air of this land. Franklin D. Roosevelt listed American freedoms as, "Freedom of speech; freedom of worship; freedom from want; and freedom from fear." These represent all the freedoms of this land, and how precious they should be to us during this bicentennial year.

We also must observe this occasion with renewed dedication. It has been citizens who were dedicated to the nation, and who gave it their loyal devotion, even unto death, that made it what it is. Such citizenship still is needed today. As we observe this historic occasion we will do well to rededicate ourselves to making America what we believe God wants it to be.

Finally, this should be a period of intercession. Prayer was a part of the early life of our nation and we doubt if it ever were more needed than now. The Bible clearly commands that Christians are to pray for their leaders. This is an imperative the nation is confronted with enemies without and within, and with problems which seem to have no human solution. In a day when Communism continues its relentless march, when alcoholism is becoming the nation's greatest drug problem, not only among adults but also among school children, and when the Supreme Court has ruled that a community cannot protect itself from nude moving pictures, someone needs to pray. If this bicentennial could be a time when millions of American Christians were earnestly praying for the nation, every day of the year, surely it could change the course of the nation and of history.

Summarizing, let us observe the bicentennial year with remembrance, with consideration, with dedication, and with intercession. Doing those things we shall be making it a worthwhile observance indeed.

Pearl Harbor, other events of the war, the defeat of Japan, and finally the conversion of Fuchida. It is a witness to the power of Christ in saving sinful men.

THE EXCITING CHURCH WHERE THEY REALLY USE THE BIBLE by Charlie W. Shedd (Word Books, \$3.95, 122 pp.) Charlie Shedd, well-known author, in this new book teaches about "do-it-yourself" Bible study, how to have "fun family devotions," how to be an excellent Bible teacher, how to put a sermon together, and "why are we doing it, really?" In addition he gives 14 Bible studies for fun family devotions and 24 sample pages from his personal notebooks.

CHRIST AND OUR CRISES by F. Donald Coggan (Word Books, \$2 pp., \$2.95) The author, who is the Archbishop of Canterbury, deals with five major crises that all face in life—fear, doubt, success, disillusionment, and death. He hopes that these meditations "may provide springboards to the deepening of faith of some today who long for what I know Christ can bring to the crises of life."

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN by James Montgomery Boice (Zondervan, 443 pp., \$9.95) This is the first of a planned five-volume exposition of the Gospel of John. It includes not only word studies, but also studies of theological concepts, cultural implications, and the character of various individuals who were contemporaries of Jesus. The author, a Presbyterian, clearly presents the view of Jesus as the living Christ—God's "best and greatest word to lost men." This first volume introduces the reader to John's Gospel and expounds the first four chapters.

OBJECT LESSONS AND STORIES FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH by Jessie P. Sullivan (Baker, paper, \$2.50, 162 pp.) Appropriate objects coupled with sensitive applications to real-life situations make these 27 object lessons appealing to children today.

COMMENTARY ON 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS by Ronald A. Ward (Word



THE BAPTIST FORUM

David Gomes Tells Of New Project

Dear Dr. Odle:

I want to tell you about beginning of our ENCAMPMENT OF FAITH.

Two people that received much from the Bible School left some money. Our Board voted to buy some land, etc. It's a beautiful story for another time.

We bought a piece of land near the center of Rio. Now another situation confronts us:

Now, a concern for prayerful consideration. The Japanese man next to our Encampment decided to sell his property for Cr\$150.00.00 (nearly 20,000 dollars) in cash. He has one complete house (Can be used for administration purposes); 8 half houses (he breeds chickens); an electrical motor to pump water; a reservoir for 25,000 liters of water; 3 iron cars for working purposes.

There are 80,000 Sq. M. (apparently about 20 acres) of land with place for sport's grounds and swimming pool. He gave me 90 days to pay it in full (3 months—one week already ran) and we are doing our best. About \$350 has been pledged and some golden things: necklace, ring and one watch. I spoke to him yesterday and he confirmed the deal, although it could be sold to others. I know you are interested in it.

Let me rejoice again in your friendship and cooperation and guarantee you our much love and prayers.

Sincerely yours,
Pastor David Gomes
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Rio de Janeiro, GB, Brazil

Good Samaritans In Mississippi!

Dear Sir:

As I traveled through Mississippi on my way to the S.B.C. in Miami, I experienced great difficulty in that the transmission on my car decided to give up—and there I was, with a wife and three daughters, stranded by the roadside. After several passed me by, I called the Pastor at First Baptist Church, Pascagoula, who reached out to help us. Bro. McMurray and his deacons really were of great help in a time of need.

As a native Texan, I thought all of God's people were in Texas or heaven, but I am now convinced the greatest Samaritans live in Mississippi.

Kenneth P. Coates
Minister of Education-Administration
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Houston, Texas

Books, \$5.95, 178 pp.) In this readable, wide-ranging study, Dr. Ward probes the mind and personality of the apostle as they appear in his earliest letters. Verse-by-verse exposition of each epistle is prefaced by an introduction that looks at the history of the letter and analyzes the theology in the contents.

DECISIONS, OUCH!; SHARING THE WORLD'S GREATEST NEWS; GETTING INVOLVED IN TODAY'S WORLD; HOW FREE ARE YOU? HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR BIBLE; AND KEEPING PRAYERS FRESH (Arenas Books, 32 pp. each, 50 cents each) These small booklets give brief and easy-to-read guidelines on the subjects noted in the titles.

HELP! I'M A PARENT by Bruce Naramore (Zondervan, paper, \$2.95, 174 pp.) Written by a psychologist, this book provides the firm foundation and workable tools needed for parents and children to experience family living that is stable, positive, and emotionally healthy.

Light for Living
Chester E. Swor

Lantern In Your Hand?

A Christian woman who had lost daughter, husband, and son in a quick succession of illness and accidental death, and who, herself, was so badly injured in the accident that months were required for the healing of her crushed body and broken spirit, wrote the account of her pilgrimage through the valley and shadow of death to eventual victory. She dedicated the book to her father-in-law, who had been an indispensable source of guidance and strength to her in the months of tragedy. The words of the dedication were essentially these:

"To my beloved father-in-law, who met me in the valley with a lantern in his hand."

There are many people in our day who are in their individual valleys of sickness, sorrow, defeat, hurt, disappointment, disillusionment, and confusion. Each one of them needs to meet someone "with a lantern in his hand," and every Christian could be that lantern-bearer. But we shall add darkness and confusion to their own situations if our lives are not luminous, confident, compassionate "lanterns of light." Here are some qualities which will make our lives luminous and, therefore, helpful:

1. CONFIDENT FAITH, which sees beyond the darkness into the dawn of hope, a faith based in our own experiences with God's Word and God's power, a radiant, triumphant faith which can re-light the burned-out candles of faith in other hearts.

2. COMPASSIONATE HEART, which understands the ache in the hearts of others, which yields the strength of sympathy to the wounded, which translates the sense of caring into words and actions which bind up wounds and bring songs in the night.

3. PATIENT GENTLENESS... Some of those who are groping in their valleys need time for healing, understanding, and renewal. We who are completely well need to remember our times of slow journey to wholeness and, therefore, to be patient, gentle, loving, and forgiving if those whom we seek to lead out of the valley sometimes crawl when we would like them to run. "Love suffereth long and is kind" (1 Cor. 13:4) will keep our lanterns burning longer!

Let's aspire to be the sort of Christians who can meet life's suffering ones in their valleys with light-giving, spirit-saving lanterns in our hands!

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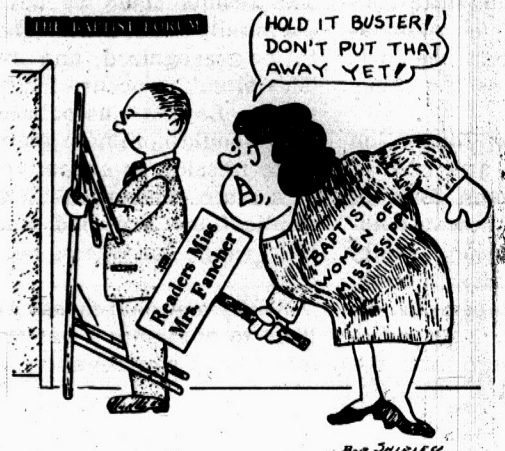
Out Of The Closet

The Ironing Board, which was a feature column in the Record for several years, is "being taken out of the closet." Mrs. Wilda Fancher's popular column is being returned to the Record, after an absence of six months, and will appear in the first July issue. Nothing we have done in many years brought in as much protest mail as the dropping of this column, so we are sure that many readers will be happy concerning it.

When the column was dropped, one of the protests was in the form of a cartoon, which we now are publishing. We heard this and other messages from our readers, so the column is coming back.

Because of space problems, the

column will not be on the editorial page, but its familiar heading will identify it elsewhere in the paper.



NEWEST BOOKS

HOSEA AND HIS MESSAGE by Roy L. Honeycutt (Bradman, 96 pp., paper, \$1.50) Dr. Honeycutt, a talented Old Testament scholar, writes here for the average Bible student. Not only does he clarify difficult words, but he outlines the messages of all 14 chapters so well the reader can grasp the intention of the prophet in every paragraph.

ONE HUNDRED BIBLE LESSONS by Alban Douglas (O. M. F. Publishers, Manila; Daniels Publishers, USA, 268 pp., paper, \$2.95) Rev. Wayne Crenshaw of Temple Baptist Church, Jackson, found this book which is published in Manila, Philippines, and felt that it was so valuable that he secured the right to have it reprinted by Daniels Publishers. Copies are now available in the Baptist Book Store, Jackson. The book is a "complete Home Study Course" with questions. There are six lessons on God the Father; seventeen on the Son; eight on the Holy Spirit; three on the Bible; five on Man; four on Angels and Satan; seven on Salvation; sixteen on Christian living; seven on the Church; and twenty-seven on miscellaneous subjects. Each lesson has an introduction, an outline study, a conclusion, and a series of questions. The studies are conservative, comprehensive, and thoroughly scriptural. Thousands of scripture references are given. The lessons originally were used in a Bible Class in Manila.

ALL THE DIVINE NAMES AND TITLES IN THE BIBLE by Herbert Lockyer (Zondervan, 360 pp., \$3.95) Another in the "All" series by Dr. Herbert Lockyer, a gifted English preacher and teacher, who spent many years in the United States, but now is back in England. Earlier books include: ALL THE MEN OF THE BIBLE, THE WOMEN, THE KINGS AND QUEENS, THE APOSTLES, THE CHILDREN, THE PROMISES, THE PRAYERS, THE PARABLES, and a number of others. This is unique in that it is a study of the names and titles of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The plan is to study every verse of the Bible which uses any title of one of the God-

head. At the same time there are tables on the use of the names which are simply invaluable for the serious Bible student. There are literally thousands of references to the Bible and outlines which cover every use of the name. The book will have great value as a reference book for the study by the preacher and teacher, but it also will be invaluable in depth study of Bible words. Each book in Dr. Lockyer's series has been very valuable. This is one of the best.

EXPOSITION OF THE PARABLES by Benjamin Keach (Kregel, 994 pp., \$12.95) Benjamin Keach was a famed English preacher in the 17th Century. He was a pastor in London. One of his claims for fame was the fact that his was the first church to use hymns and he published a book of 300 hymns called "Spiritual Melody." One of his works which has lived on is the Exposition of the Parables which long has been a standard work on this subject, but which now is very difficult to find. Kregel Publications is to be congratulated on the reprinting of this book which was formerly published in London in 1856. Here are 147 messages or expositions on 48 different parables and similitudes in the Gospels. It is interesting to note that some of the messages carry an indentation telling when the message was first delivered. Not only does the writer give exposition of the passages but every one closes with a positive application. This should become a valuable part of the library of numerous preachers and Bible teachers.

CHRISTIAN COMICS: ARCHIE'S PARABLES by Al Hartley, and **ATTACK!** by Elizabeth Sherrill and Al Hartley (Spire, 39c each.) Two more in the series of Christian Comics being presented by Spire (Revell) books. Archie is a well known comic book personality, and this book presents several comic stories with a Christian message. Attack is the story of Mitsuo Fuchida, who was the Japanese aviator who led the attack on Pearl Harbor, who, after the war, found Christ and became a Christian witness. This book presents the story of

Prerequisite For Christian Growth

By Wm. J. Falls
John 15

Two many adults think that growing is something which only children and youth do. Even in religious experience they seem to feel that growth was stopped at least in their twenties. By that time they knew the more popular Bible stories, had already become church members, and felt that being a Christian was not much different from being a law-abiding citizen and a good neighbor. But people who study the Bible honestly acknowledge some areas of Christian ideas and action which they have never explored. Because they do not want to change their minds or habits, they are satisfied not to grow. May God guide them in this ten-Sunday

unit on "Christian Growth."
The Lesson Explained
Verses 1-3

Several of the better known prophets had described Israel as a vine, sometimes depicting her withered or fruitless condition. So, this is the figure the disciples recognized, but Jesus said he himself was the true, or real, vine and his Father was the gardener. To produce grapes, a vine must have branches. When they do not fulfill their purpose, the skilled gardener knows what to do. He removes those that do not bear fruit and trims useless shoots from the good branches so they can produce even more. All this the disciples could see going on in many vineyards of the land. A good grape harvest was not an accident; besides water, sun, and soil, it must also depend on a wise and decisive gardener. Thus, Jesus sounded the

prophetic note of judgment against the useless branches, but he reassured his disciples that they were good branches. He felt that they really were in union with him. They still had some faults and weaknesses, but his teaching had cleared them enough for fruit bearing. The Vine and the Branches Verses 4-8

In describing himself as the vine, Jesus was emphasizing his centrality and uniqueness. The vine is the structural center, the channel of nutrition, the source of new life and growth. Without the vine, the branches can do nothing, cannot even stay alive. The central stock or trunk gives meaning and unity to the whole plant. On the other hand, the vine cannot fulfill its purpose of bearing fruit without the branches.

So Jesus used the vine-branch metaphor to show his disciples how important was their fellow-

ship with him. Certainly, the branches cannot bear fruit except as they stay in vital relationship with the vine. Just as the vine shares with the branches the moisture and nutriment needed, so does our intimate fellowship with Christ provide resources for his disciples to bear the expected fruit. It is a relationship of mind and heart, a commitment of oneself to the teachings of Jesus and his way of life. It is essential to Christian growth. Some may claim to be in fellowship with the vine, but unless they truly participate in the Christian way of life, they will wither and be discarded. The relationship is not determined by claims or outward appearance but by inner vitality which results in fruit bearing. Love and Obedience Verses 9-11

Although Jesus has left the metaphor in these verses, he is still talking about the relation of the disciple and the Lord, and it can be summed up in love and obedience. The Father's love for the Son was the pattern for the Son's love for his disciples. The Son asked that they remain in that love. "Yes, we want to do that," we can imagine them saying, "but how?" Jesus had the answer: "Obey my commands."

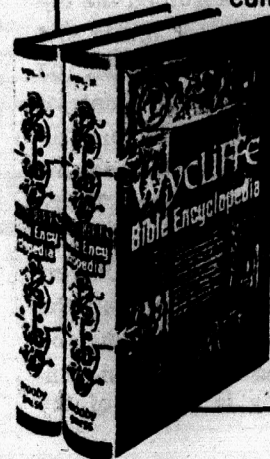
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By Bill Duncan
Revelation 1:12-17

It is a sad sight to behold a spiritual drought. In such a condition, the organized church will struggle for survival. The individual Christian will lack the joy of personal victory. The real tragedy is that the lost are not won to faith in Christ. The people who need Christ may attend a Christian church but go away empty because their real needs are not met.

The tragedy of the above condition is that the church has lost its sense of mission. Commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord was the motivating force of the early church and is the hope for survival and renewal in the church today. Our world will not be influenced by half-hearted, casual allegiance to Jesus Christ, but by men who are sold out to Jesus Christ and possessed by his power. A church that has discovered a sense of mission is directed by its love for Jesus Christ.

The hope of the church is Jesus Christ. There are all sorts of ideas floating around as to how the church must be renewed. Where Jesus is confessed as Lord by life commitment, there is renewal of the church. The church then discovers that being Christian is being Christ-like. "Preaching and teaching in the church should be reduced to two great simplicities: What did Jesus do and say while on the earth? How can we be like Him in our life in the church and in the world?"

The book of Revelation is a series of apocalyptic images given to John by the Holy Spirit to encourage and to warn the Christians. The enemies of the church had begun to put a lot of pressure on the individual to destroy witness. At the same time, the church had become to be involved with worldly entanglements.

Perhaps nothing could serve to quicken the hopes of the distressed and uncommitted Christians better than a vision of the exalted and triumphant Christ. When John was facing discouragement, Jesus appeared with a message of hope. The revelation of Jesus is

what so many, who have lost heart, need today.

John was "in the Spirit on the Lord's day." In the midst of great trouble but still in communion with God's spirit and under his power and direction. He first heard a great trumpet-like voice. Turning to behold the speaker, he saw the transcendent and triumphant Christ. He was clothed with a long flowing garment and a golden girdle — the clothing of a priest and a king. His hair was as white as wool and snow — symbolic of penetrating vision, which meant omniscience. His feet were like refined brass — symbolic of strength. His voice was the "voice of many waters" — symbolic of his authority over people and nations. His face had the brilliance of the sun at noonday — symbolic of majesty. In his strong hand he held the "seven stars" — symbolic of the destiny of the churches as they lay in the future. One of his mouth went a sharp, two-edged sword — symbolic of the keen and accurate judgment upon the deeds of men.

Certainly we do not suppose this to be a literal appearance of Christ today. But in the significance of the symbolism, we see the meaning of the vision and the assurance to John and us. Christ is alive. He is a holy, majestic omniscient, authoritative, powerful Christ who stands in the midst of the churches in control of the entire situation. This vision displays power and security and produces confidence which calls for adoration, reverence, and dedication. His appearance may be somewhat terrifying, but his voice is comforting and reassuring.

How do you see the Lord? Your understanding of the Lord will reflect in your commitment to Him.

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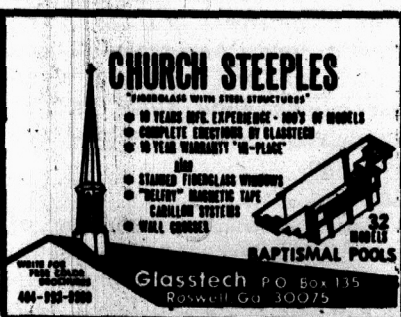
The Lord had a commendation for the church. (1) This was an active and aggressive congregation which was loyal in practice. They were working at the price of great difficulty. Persistence, in the toll, produced patience. (2)

They were loyal in doctrine. In the church there were some who claimed to be genuine followers of the Lord but the church had rejected them.

But the Lord looks with a piercing eye of flame and discovers a great flaw. "This I have against thee — thou hast left thy first love." The church had departed from the love and fervor that characterized their first experience as Christians. They were carrying on the active program of an aggressive church, but they had departed from the right motive for service and worship.

This accounts for a lot of church trouble. Love for the brethren, love for the church, love for church work, all grow out of love for the Lord. Hudson Taylor, missionary to China, said the primary qualification for a missionary is not love for souls, as we so often hear, but love for Christ. True love and first love are not stings and when your heart is filled with it, nobody will have to beg you to serve God.

Our Lord stands in the church and what he wants most is our love. A church does not need a new pastor to retain its sense of mission, but a new love affair with the Lord.



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Names In The News

Danny R. Rutland, currently minister of youth activities at Southside, Jackson, has been called as associate in charge of youth activities at Highland, Jackson, according to Rev. Sam Creel, pastor of Highland. Mr. Rutland will be a summer graduate of Mississippi College and was ordained to the gospel ministry by Southside on June 18.

Jim Lett, who has served for the past several years as minister of music and bus outreach of Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, has resigned to assume the position of music and youth at Emmanuel Church, Biloxi.

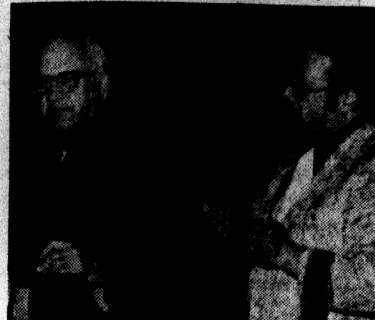
Of eighty-five candidates for graduation from Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri during the May 24 commencement, one was a native of Mississippi. Harold Dwain Harper of Wheeler received the Master of Divinity degree.

Gregg Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bennett of Rolling Fork, assumed the duties of minister of music and youth at Shaw Church, on June 1. Gregg is a graduate of Mississippi Delta Junior College, Moorhead. He and his wife, the former Suann Tharp of Greenville, are presently attending Delta State University. The church honored the couple with a pounding on June 1, and a reception. Eugene Wigley is pastor of the church.

Jim Bullock, right was ordained as a deacon at First Church, Benndale, in George County, recently. Rev. George Harper, pastor of the church is at left. Rev. N. H. Smith of Shady Grove delivered the charge to the candidate.

Whit Holmes has accepted the position as summer youth director at Pass Road Church, Gulfport. A sophomore at Baylor, he is the son of Chaplain and Mrs. E. W. Holmes Jr. of Gulfport. His father is Chaplain of the Veterans Hospital in Gulfport and Biloxi.

John McMurray is a summer student youth director at First Church, Kosciusko. Son of Rev. and Mrs. Clark McMurray of Pascagoula, he has just completed his junior year at Mississippi College.

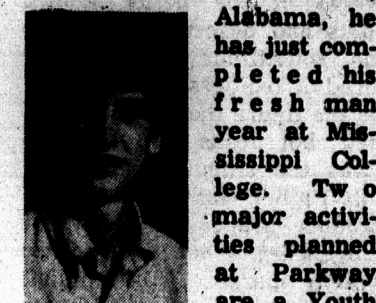


Rev. A. T. Walker of Hattiesburg, left, was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree from Mississippi Baptist Seminary in graduation exercises on May 30. Mr. Walker, dean of the Hattiesburg Center of the seminary, has worked for several years with the Department of Work with National Baptists. Before this he was pastor in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

Dr. S. L. Bowman, at right, is a teacher at the seminary and also a development officer.

Mrs. W. C. Morgan of Jackson is author of an article in the June issue of Southwestern Seminary News, titled "Alumna Recalls First Road Trip to Texas." Mrs. Morgan received the MRS degree from Southwestern in 1930.

Keith Dempsey is summer youth director at Parkway, Natchez. A native of Oxford, Alabama, he has just completed his freshman year at Mississippi College. Two major activities planned at Parkway are a Youth Choir tour to Walt Disney World (July 20-26) and Junior Camp for children ages 7-12 (August 11-14). Rev. Gerald P. Buckley is pastor.

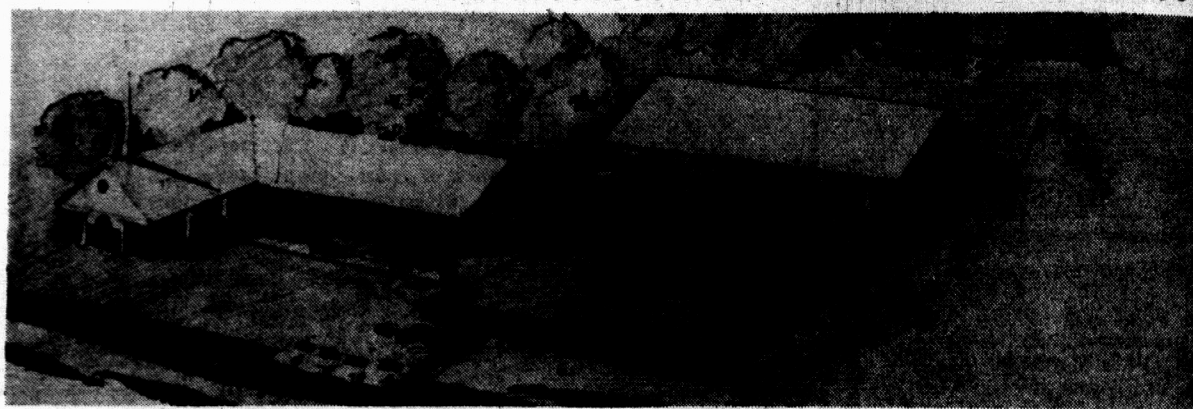


Barry Hardy is summer youth director at First Church, Clinton. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and has completed his first year at Southwestern Seminary. His parents live in Co-

lumbus where his father is minister of education in First Church.



Rev. Jimmy Bryant, pastor of Walnut Church (Tippah) has accepted the call of First Church, Counce, Tennessee, as pastor and assumed work there on May 19. Graduate of Northeast Mississippi Junior College and Blue Mountain, he is married to the former Esther Timbes; they have two sons, James Alan and Michael Carl. Mrs. Bryant will continue her work toward a degree in elementary education at NEMJC this fall.



Northside, Clinton, Breaks Ground For Children's Building

Northside Church, Clinton celebrated a memorable day on June 8, when a groundbreaking ceremony was observed, symbolizing the beginning of a building program.

The new building will be dedicated to children's ministries and will provide educational space for the children's division, as well as for the Northside kindergarten. The additional space will relieve the crowded conditions already existing and will allow room for future growth. The present building will be used for youth and adult groups and for expanded weekday activities.

The service began at 1 o'clock following dinner on the grounds. Leading in the service was Dr. James M. Porch, Jr., pastor, members of the building committee, and David Sullivan, director of congregational music. The ceremony began with an invocation by Roy Ray, chairman of the deacons. Franklin McDonald, chairman of the Building Committee, spoke on "Why Are We Here?" The scripture was read by Ed Roberts. Dr. F. D. Hewitt gave "A Review of Our Heritage." He spoke of the significant moments in the life of the church since it was established in 1909.

Mrs. Irene L. Shurden presented "A Look at Now." She said, in part: "We are a body not afraid to be evangelistic, but not restricted to it. We have grown in the New Testament understanding that caring for people means more than just repeating the plan of salvation. It means following the example of Jesus who met the total needs of the whole person."

"We are not afraid to be traditional but not bound to the past. We have searched for new programs and new forms of worship that would help us all better communicate with God and serve our fellow man."

"We are not afraid to work within the system and not adverse to deviating from cultural expectations. A policy of non-exclusion has been a part of our church since its birth and we have welcomed all..."

Dr. James M. Porch, Jr. spoke on "A Vision of Our Future." "We must envision or mold a dream of tomorrow," he said. His conclusion set forth meaningful goals as the vision of Northside. The act of groundbreaking was also a unified effort, as each member present of the congregation held onto a rope attached to a plow so that, in effect, the church together broke the ground for the new building. Mrs. Marjane Whitfield led in the benediction.

Special guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brumfield and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Ellis. Mr. Brumfield is the church architect and Mr. Ellis the general contractor.

It was especially significant that June 8 was National Children's Day. With the groundbreaking ceremony Northside Baptist Church rededicated its efforts to minister to the children of Clinton.

Devotional

The Book Of Truth

By Jim Vance, Pastor, Calvary Starkville

"And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know, that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live" (Deuteronomy 8:3). The Bible is the textbook of the Christian. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Christians would "over-read" it? The study of this textbook is necessary if we as Christians expect to mature.

The Bible is not a book to be worshipped, but a book to bring us to the one who is "the bread of life." John 6:35 says, "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

I once talked to a man who had spent 22 years in school preparing himself and obtaining the knowledge he needed to do a good job in his chosen field. The more we know about God's Word, the better we can serve him. How can we know the way, the truth, and the light unless we read and study the truths of God's Word?

In II Timothy 3:16 we read, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." The world has seen many changes since the Bible was written. Yet the Bible will tell us how to solve any of our modern day problems if we will read and study it.

Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record

Union County Gets Director

Rev. Guy Culver has resigned as pastor of Northside Church, New Albany, to become full-time Director of Missions for Union County Association.

Culver is married to the former Dorothy Jean Sheffield. They have two daughters, Sandy and Marsha.

He is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and has done graduate work at Ole Miss in the area of counseling.

Crosby Church Calls McMorris

Rev. Ferrell McMorris has accepted the pastorate at Crosby church.

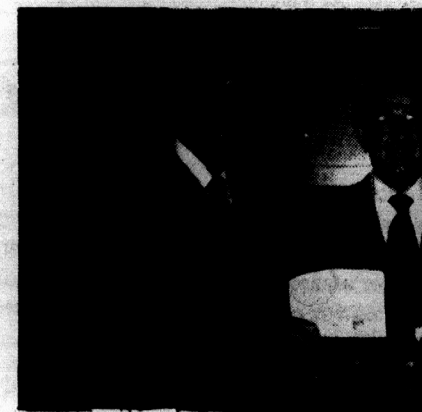
He is married to the former Linda Cunningham. They have 2 sons. Mr. McMorris attended Clarke College and Louisiana College, and is currently a student at New Orleans Seminary. He and Mrs. McMorris are natives of Louisiana.

Mr. McMorris takes over the leadership of the church from Rev. H. L. Courtney of 4309 West Central Ave., Zachary, La. who served six months as interim pastor. During these six months 12 new members were added — six by conversion and six by letter.

Oakland Heights Church, Meridian, has voted to buy a house on Fifth Street, next door to the present parsonage. This house is to be designated as the church parsonage, and the present parsonage as the minister of music home. The brick house has three bedrooms, two baths, living room, dining room, kitchen, and den. Rev. James E. Parker is pastor and Jim Dalrymple is minister of music and youth.

Bellehaven Church, Ocean Springs, has called Lawrence Tapp as pastor. He goes from East Howard Church, Biloxi where he has served as pastor for four years. He is retired from the USAF and is a 1973 graduate of the Mid-Continent College, Mayfield, Ky. He is married to the former Daisy Potts, and they have two children.

Oak Grove Church (Jefferson Davis) had a note burning ceremony for their new \$35,000 sanctuary on June 15. The building, begun in 1973, was occupied in 1974; thus the debt has been retired in less than one year after occupancy. Left to right: Carroll Holloway, building treasurer; Dr. John E. Barrow, interim pastor for more than two years; and Carl Mikell, chairman of deacons.



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Anniversary Day At Center Terrace

Center Terrace Church, Canton, observed June 22 as Anniversary Day — Teacher Appreciation Day.

June 28, 1932, twenty-three charter members formed the Center Terrace Church. There are now one thousand members. The church has recently built a new parsonage and renovated the existing sanctuary.

During the Sunday School hour, the Youth and Adult Divisions met for a rally and Teacher Appreciation Service. Following morning worship, dinner-on-the-ground was enjoyed under the big oak trees in the church yard. At 1:30 the afternoon sing-along service began, including special music, and concluding with the Vesper Youth Choir presenting the musical, "The Good Life," under the direction of Kathy Richey, minister of music.



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Morrison Chapel Calls Pastor

Rev. Wayne Gullett of Macedonia Church, Tupelo, has accepted a call to Morrison Chapel Church, Cleveland.

Mr. Gullett has served as pastor of Macedonia for 9 1/2 years. He is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and holds a degree in theology from New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Tilly Nowland of Bruce, a graduate of Blue Mountain.

Tommy Winders Preaches In Choctaw Crusade

June 1-6, the Tommy Winders Evangelistic Team was featured in an evangelistic crusade at the athletic field, Ackerman. This crusade was the outgrowth of an associational Bible study held by the county youth organization a year ago.

Among the features of the crusade were the preaching of Tommy Winders and the preaching and singing of Tommy and Diane Winders. Also featured were testimonies in word and song by members of the Clebe McClary evangelistic team of Florence, South Carolina, testimonies by Roger Wood, businessman of Corinth, Antony Box from First Church, Pearl, and Kenny King, Ole Miss star athlete.

Attendance was excellent with the last service being held in the high school gym because of weather conditions. In spite of this handicap the average attendance was nearly 1,000 per night. There were close to 100 decisions registered which were divided almost equally between professions of faith and rededications or dedications for fulltime Christian service.

Rev. B. B. McGee was Crusade Coordinator.

European Baptists Will Welcome Southern Baptists

By Alice Hyatt, For EBC

Baptists going to Europe this summer are invited to visit English-speaking Baptist churches in 39 cities.

John W. Merritt, Secretary of the European Baptist Convention (English-speaking) says, "We invite you to visit in the churches of our convention, where you will find a warm welcome, rich Christian fellowship, and English spoken."

Below are addresses of city churches most likely to be visited by Baptists going to Stockholm for the BWA Congress.

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Paris: Emmanuel, 88, Rue des Bons Raisins, 92 Rue Malmaison

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Revival Dates

West Side, Macon: June 22-28; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Troy Massey, Meek Church, Arley, Alabama, evangelist; Jerry Vance, minister of music, Calvary, Louisville, music director; Mrs. Mary Nell Gill, Macon, pianist; Rev. Kenneth Overby, pastor.

Griffin Street Church, Moss Point: June 23-29; Rev. E. W. Parker, First Church, Searcy, Arkansas, and former pastor for Griffin Street, evangelist; homecoming on the 29th; services at 7:30 p.m. with Homecoming starting at regular service time on Sunday morning and continuing for all day services with dinner on the grounds; Rev. Athens McNeil, pastor.

Bethel (Jones): July 29 - Aug. 4; Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor, First, Ellisville, evangelist; Donald Gatlin, minister of music, Bethel, singer; Georgia Ulmer, pianist; weekday services at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. with dinner on the ground; Rev. Jimmy Collins, pastor.

Pope Church (Panola): July 6-11; homecoming, dinner on the ground, Sunday, 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 7:45 p.m.; weekday services — 10:30 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; evangelist: Rev. David Pratt; song

Off The Record

The local busybody met an old fisherman returning from a day's angling with a large string of fish, and said, "Been fishing, have you?"

Resisting the temptation to be sarcastic, the angler agreed that that was the case.

"You've done well," observed the busybody. "What did you use for bait?"

"Chewing tobacco," replied the old fisherman, keeping a straight face.

"I've never heard of that being used for bait!" scoffed the busybody. "How do you use it?"

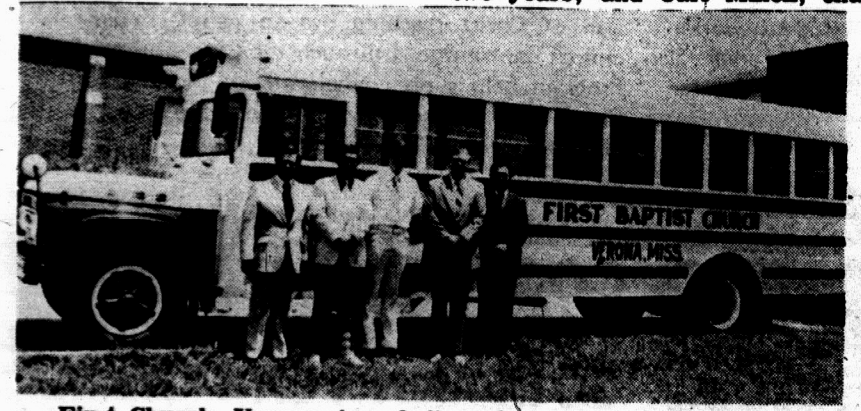
"Well," the angler explained, "you just put it on the hook as you would any ordinary bait. You cast your line and wait. The fish snaps at it, takes it, and retreats. Then, when he comes up to the surface to spit, you bang him over the head with a club."—Catholic quote.

leader: Gene Tagert; pianist: Billy Hubbard; organist: Mrs. Ralph Taylor; pastor: Everett Denton.



Church Organists And Pianists At BMC

One of the highlights for the 1975 summer session at Blue Mountain College was the recent church musicians' workshop directed by Edward Ludlow, associate professor of organ and church music at the college. Looking over some new music in Height Organ Studio while the workshop was in session are, left to right, Jean Evans of Tupelo; Edward Ludlow, director; Debbie Randle of Blue Springs; and Sandy Freeman Coutoumanos of New Albany. Mrs. Coutoumanos is a graduate of BMC, having majored in organ, and Miss Randle will enter the freshmen class in September. The practice organ in background is one purchased with money donated to the college by Miss Willie Height of Iuka.



First Church, Verona, has dedicated a new Activity Bus. Standing left to right: Rev. J. E. Sims, minister of music; Jim Ewing, who financed the painting of the bus; Wayne Farrar, chairman of Bus Committee; Charles Bailey, chairman of deacons; and Ray Glover, Pastor.